

O'Gorman parent travels overseas to administer aid

Katie Schwebach
Opinion Co-Editor

For months, the devastating earthquake in Haiti dominated the news. The greatest portion of that news concerned the survivors and relief efforts.

But now, new stories seem to have taken the place of where the earthquake stood.

However, the aftermath of the earthquake is still very much alive today.

Dr. Don Kosiak, the father of sophomore Alexis Kosiak, is no stranger to that fact. In just 15 short days, Kosiak saw about 4,500 patients in the recovering nation.

Kosiak journeyed to Haiti last August as a member of the National Guard on a Medical Support Mission. Contrary to missions in Iraq, Kosiak's rotation was 15 days instead of one.

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Returning troops safely bounce back

Ellen Nelson
Assistant Editor

The war in Iraq has been a topic of discussion and disagreement since it began in 2003. Now, after seven years of fighting, the combat troops are coming home.

"It's alright the war is starting to come to an end," said ju-

nior Nick Mimmack who's older brother served in Iraq in 2009. "We should be almost back to normal, but it's going to take a while for that to happen."

The war in Iraq has affected the entire nation, especially those who specifically knew people who were sent over to fight.

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PAC, cafeteria improve school atmosphere

Cameron Johnson
JR Stassi

Performing Arts Center

The construction for the 8.5 million dollar Performing Arts Center has been delayed further than anticipated, but the main structure is now taking shape.

The set back was due mainly to lack of funding. Instead of rushing the project and possibly making clumsy mistakes, O'Gorman decided to wait and complete the project at a later date.

The theatre will be fitted with a new fly system, more storage space, and new dressing rooms, balcony seating and a new box office. The new theatre will be the major focal point of the school, being the first thing seen by visitors walking into the front door.

The theatre will not only house the theatrical productions that O'Gorman puts on through the year, but it will also house the weekly liturgies, large assemblies and graduation.

The new lighting will cure a problem that has plagued the weekly liturgies. Currently the pastor conducting mass cannot see the congregation due to the fact that

the light are far too bright, the new lights will allow the pastor to actually see the students.

The performing art center is set to be done in the fall of 2011.

Kitchen

Phase one of the cafeteria construction project is complete and aesthetically there was no real change. The phase is just one of four that will encompass air conditioning for the kitchen, turning the multi-purpose room into a new Ala carte room, removing the walls by the vending machines, replacing the old ovens, making the process of cooking the food more efficient.

The changes were made mainly made in the frame work of the kitchen. New plumbing, improved electrical a new dish washer cap off phase ones construction.

When asked about the new kitchen rennovations, Food Site Manager Janine Dagostaro declined to comment.

The electrical improvement aspect of the lunchroom has left the cafeteria staff happier than ever. Even though the rennovations are not visible to most students, it has improved the way that the food is being made.



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New teachers, Ms. Kristin Kuchenbecker, Mr. Jonathan Konz, and Ms. Miriam Thorn, join the faculty of O'Gorman High School.

New teachers earn newfound respect from faculty, students

Frankie Maxwell
Entertainment Co-Editor

Construction is not the only new aspect of O'Gorman.

The religion department welcomed a new Scripture teacher, Miriam Thorn and the new Campus Minister, Jonathan Konz.

Miriam Thorn graduated from Creighton University and is a part of the graduate program Magis Catholic Teacher Corps out of Creighton.

"The three pillars of the pro-

gram are academics, spirituality and community," said Thorn. "There are about 30 Magis teachers scattered throughout South Dakota; Ms. Supalla is in the program with me."

The program is a two year commitment in which she teaches and takes grad-level courses so she can get her masters in secondary education.

Thorn will begin her teaching career this year at O'Gorman, which she finds to be great so far. The spirituality of the school and its students is what astounds her

the most.

"It is amazing to walk into such a strong community, especially as someone who is not from Sioux Falls," said Thorn.

The goals that Thorn has set for herself this year are to attend her student's school activities, to be on top of grading, and to bike to school at least two days out of the week while the weather permits of course.

Down the hall from Thorn's room is the Campus Ministry

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Former OG student has NY Best Seller

Shilpa Chandran
Co-Editor

O'Gorman has made a splash nationwide.

Sam Kean, of the graduating class of 1995, has recently found himself on the New York Times Bestseller list.

"We were thrilled with Sam's

success! He had been trying to find a publisher for his book for a long time," said Mrs. Jean Kean, mother of Sam Kean.

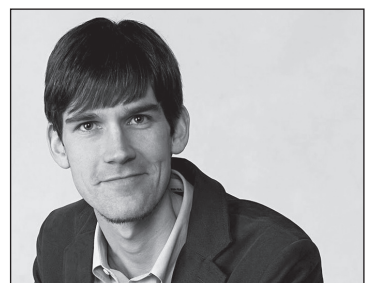
"He has worked very hard, and we are happy the book has been successful."

"I was walking down the sidewalk when my editor called, and when the phone conversation end-

ed a few minutes later, I realized I hadn't moved the entire time," said Mr. Sam Kean.

"I was rooted as soon as he said the words, 'Congratulations. I just got an email, and next week your book will appear ...' I think I said 'wow' about seventeen times."

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Sam Kean

Letter from the Editors

Dear O’Gorman,

As we started this year’s newspaper, we noticed something: most of this staff is compiled of new members.

On some degree, this may have worried us - however, as we progressed through this year, we realized that new is not necessarily cause for worry. This staff has admirably risen to the occasion.

They have been more than willing to learn all the tricky ins and outs of putting together a quality newspaper. Trust us, this put our minds much more at ease.

But don’t think we’ve forgotten about last year’s staff as well. Becky and Domenica were wonderful editors, and they put more than their share of time into this paper. As Zach likes to put it, “they left us with a childlike sense of wonder.”

We hope to continue their legacy.

This year’s goals have been largely the same as last year’s: we strive each and every day to put out a quality newspaper that both contains accurate reporting as well as interesting pieces.



We’re not completely out of touch! We know that oftentimes, the stories in the paper aren’t of interest to everybody. But hopefully, this year, we can make sure that our stories appeal to our audience, motivating them to read farther into our pages than before.

We, as editors, have been a part of the *Scroll* staff since our sophomore year. Through our two years here, we have learned more than we would have ever expected.

For example, we learned how to push Mr. V’s buttons in a subtle manner, but since our sophomore year, we have developed a better sense of maturity...sort of.

We’ve learned the importance of dependability and punctuality. After all, if stories aren’t in on

time, it causes headaches for everyone, not just a few. Literally, we have passed out several times this month, but we persevere.

We’ve learned how to split up our work. We know first hand how unevenly the workload can be distributed, but we’ve also been proud of the change in equality as the paper has grown.

Each person has his or her own individual tasks, and each performs them admirably. We particularly pay attention to this page, because let’s be honest, it is *the* most important page in the newspaper. There is no doubt about that.

We’ve learned that there is no such thing as the perfect paper. Even on the issues we’re proud of, we can usually spot one or two things we might have done differently.

However, we’ve also accepted this lack of perfection and now strive only for our best. We hope the *Scroll* staff’s efforts shine through this year.

Sincerely,
Shilpa & Zach

KEAN
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Having attended the University of Minnesota and majored in physics and English, S. Kean truly found his passion in writing.

“At the University of Minnesota, he started reporting for the *Minnesotan*, the daily student newspaper,” said J. Kean. “I believe it was at this time that he decided he would like to write for a living.

His novel, *The Disappearing Spoon: And Other True Tales of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of the Elements*, involves one of his passions: chemistry, and more specifically, the periodic table.

“The premise was to find a funny, or peculiar, or spooky story behind every single element on the periodic table,” said S. Kean. “Why Gandhi hated iodine. Why the Japanese killed Godzilla with missiles made of cadmium. Why tellurium led to the most bizarre gold rush in history. You know, the usual chem 101 topics.”

Sam acknowledges that many may not be interested in the periodic table, but his success may

come from the quirkier nature of his book.

“I feel lucky that so many people got so excited about *The Disappearing Spoon*. I think everyone remembers the periodic table from high school --- in fact, that’s the only thing many people remember about chem,” said S. Kean. “And so the chance to read odd and exotic stories about elements on the table and the people behind the table really grabbed them, I guess.”

Currently living in Washington D.C., S. Kean has taken his success in stride. He is also planning ahead to his next book.

“It looks like I’ll be doing a book on funny, peculiar, and unusual stories buried in human DNA now,” said S. Kean. “It’s planned for roughly two years from now.”

He has not forgotten his inspiration for the novel, either: O’Gorman High School itself.

“Before I started writing --- I knew some of the funny stories in *The Disappearing Spoon*, because I’d picked them up at O’Gorman and in college,” said S. Kean. “I’d always gravitated to the teachers who told us stories, and I decided to put them together into a book finally.”

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October revives spirit of feast days

Olivia Stebbins
Ellen Nelson

As yet another school year begins, many students find themselves falling into familiar habits. One habit that the students at O’Gorman High School fall in to is going to Mass and celebrating certain feast days.

Much can be learned from the lives of the saints if one pays a little more attention.

“Feast days are set just like birthdays for us,” said theology teacher Joe Rutten. “They’re set as a reminder of something, a cel-

ebration of a special event.”

“Feast days allow us to remember and celebrate the lives of saints who have been of great inspiration to us,” said Jonathon Konz, O’Gorman’s new campus minister. “They give us something to aspire to.”

“We are called to live heroically in the same way that they did,” said Rutten.

Feast days also “remind us that no man, woman, or child is too far away from God to be called back,” said Konz.

One saint in particular that is one of the best role models for

students or even the general public is the Mother of God herself, Saint Mary.

Although September is known as Mary’s month, she has many other feast days throughout the year as well. These different feast days are to honor different occasions when Mary has appeared to people of great faith, said Konz.

Since Mary lived a perfect life, she is the epitome of what members of the faith should want to sculpt their own lives after.

Guardian angels were created to help individuals toward this goal, along with the angels’ other

responsibilities.

“They’re to guide and to guard us and assist us in any way needed in this journey we call life,” said Rutten.

Guardian angels also help people to act more saint-like in day-to-day life.

If one’s understanding and knowledge of feast days and saints is increased, their aspirations to live a holier life could be enhanced as well.

In order to help improve the students’ consciousness of the saints, all of the classrooms will have a plaque hanging outside the

door dedicated to a specific saint.

“Part of that is, is to give us a cultural awareness of the saints and how they are people that can inspire us,” said Rutten.

Here are some noteworthy feast days coming up in October: St. Therese of Lisieux is remembered on October 1. The feast of the Guardian Angels is recognized on October 2. Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. October 15 celebrates St. Theresa of Avila. St. Ignatius of Antioch is recognized on October 17. October 18 is the feast day of St. Luke.

Alumni aim to heighten awareness for the unborn

Cameron Johnson
Entertainment Co-Editor

Why do most people run? Is it for recreation or is it something faced when that midlife crisis comes around? This group of runners do it for something much more meaningful.

The LIFE Runners is a group that runs for the unborn by raising money for ultrasounds and pro-life awareness. Together, the group runs one full/half marathon each year.

This year’s team has runners from all over the country: Florida, Illinois, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Eight members of the 2010 team include O’G alumni: Steve Castle (’94), Pat Castle (’89), Dale Sundermann (’89), Jason Peters (’89), Rob Rysavy (’86), Deanna Peters (’92), Aaron Ferrie (’89), Becky Loving Gregory (’89).

“We raise funds for ultrasound machine services,” said LIFE Runners Coach and ’89 O’G alumni Pat

Castle. “Eighty percent of mothers who see their unborn baby with an ultrasound, don’t abort.”

Their team goal this year was to get 90 sponsors, or \$3600. They exceeded that expectation with over 100 sponsors and over \$7,000.

This group started when Pat Castle and friend Rich Reich started the LIFE Group in December 2007.

This group is for people who desire to grow closer to God and Christ’s will. The LIFE Group now has over 500 members around the world.

“Rich and I are also marathoners, so we use the LIFE Runners team to leverage our defense of the Unborn,” Castle said.

Since 2008, the group has grown from 13 runners to 28 runners. Come race day, they all wear the same blue jerseys that say “LIFE Runners” on the front and “REMEMBER the Unborn on the back.

Many supporters carry signs with the bible verse Jer[emiah] 1:5



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LIFE group competes in the 2010 Sioux Falls Half marathon

on it as well, which reads “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.”

“We agree with Mother Teresa that abortion is the greatest threat to peace in the world,” said Castle.

For more information about the LIFE Runners, visit them at www.marathon-for-life.blogspot.com.

Theology teachers take time to learn, reflect on faith life

Shilpa Chandran
Editor-in-Chief

This past summer, the theology department renewed their faith. On August 2 and 3, from noon until noon, the members of the O’Gorman’s theology staff headed to the Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center for a rejuvenating retreat.

“It was our first time as a staff to come together before the year,” said Ms. Sara Supalla. “It’s a bonding time, really.”

This retreat is not necessarily solely for O’Gorman teachers. Aberdeen, Dell Rapids and Yankton teachers also attend.

Although O’Gorman goes as a school, the focus is not necessarily on school itself.

“We get to meet and know new members of our department,” said Mr. Leo Lorang. “It’s that relaxing renewal that a retreat is supposed to be.”

Father Andrew Dickinson, the

chaplain at South Dakota State University’s Newman Center, leads four talks on spirituality and religion.

“It gives you a chance to back off from what’s hitting you in real life,” said Lorang.

However, that does not automatically mean that the retreat does not benefit students in some way.

“It helps spiritually nourish us as we help nourish students,” said Supalla. “It gives us what we need to serve them.”

After the theology retreat, the O’G faculty met together to talk about the upcoming summer events, namely Senior Leadership Day.

“We plan the practical parts of Senior Leadership Day,” said Supalla.

At the end of the day, the focus is not on planning, school or even classes; the focus is on religion.

Saint Edward used crown to spread word of God

Nicole Scheier
Activities Co-Editor

St. Edward the Confessor was canonized nearly 100 years after his reign as King of England.

When Edward was ten years old, his parents sent him and his older brother, Alfred, to Normandy in order to keep them safe from Danish rule.

Edward discovered his devotion to God during his many years of exile after he ascertained the faults ambition carried. He enjoyed attending and participating in the Mass.

Also, he provided whatever assistance he could to the church offices. Even after Edward gained the title of king, he still attended daily Mass.

In an attempt to claim the crown Alfred went to England in 1036 where he met his untimely death. Upon Alfred’s death, Edward assumed the throne as King of England in 1042. Edward was forty years old when he finally returned to England after his exile in Normandy.

Since Edward found ambition distasteful, as a king he only concerned himself with the welfare of his people.

He demonstrated his compassion by aiding the poor and foreigners without imposing any extra taxes to compensate his charity. He never engaged in war except once to provide assistance to Scotland.

Due to his gentle, honest and peaceful nature, the people of England, even the Danish settlers, due to his justice and love of God. It was Edward’s honorable qualities as a man, not

a king that embodied him as a saint.

Portraying Edward’s honesty is his determination to keep his promise to God. He promised God during his exile that when his family saw better times he would travel to St. Peter’s tomb in Rome. Even when he became king he refused to abandon his promise.

However, the times were too dangerous, and many advised him not to go.

This conundrum came to the pope, who told Edward he must give the money that he would have spent on his trip to the poor and build an abbey in memory of St. Peter.

The abbey was consecrated in 1065 in Westminster, and St. Edward the Confessor died a year later.

He is the patron saint of the city of Westminster.



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St. Edward lived his life devoted to helping the poor.

OG spices up homecoming

Zach Cole
Sports Co-Editor

Homecoming provided a week full of wacky wardrobes and fun activities.

Students also had an opportunity to show off their talents on the stage.

They had a chance to see the football team shine on the field, and of course, everyone hit the dance floors later.

“My favorite part would have to be the themes during the week,” said senior Brittany Dardis. “I love getting all dressed up in the different costumes.”

The Homecoming festivities started off with one of the most important activities, the Variety Show.

The Variety Show was a chance for the students to participate and show off their unique skills in front of their peers and under the bright lights.

The students also enjoyed seeing the crowning of Homecoming King and Queen.

Following the Variety Show, Friday kicked off with a day of games and activities.

Of course, the day also included the most anticipated match-up: the senior girls versus the junior girls in the powder puff



OLIVIA STEBBINS / KNIGHT SCROLL

Senior Katy Pillar demonstrates school spirit on “Over the Hill Wednesday” with elegance.

football game.

Veronica Fritsch had her own thoughts on the big game.

“Well, seeing that the junior boys carry our football team now, the junior girls should be able to beat the seniors pretty easily,” said Fritsch.

“The junior girls aren’t any-

thing to be threatened by. We seniors are great,” said Megan McCoy jokingly in response to Fritsch’s comment. “Remember that. You will always be below us. We may be limited on senior boys, but I am personally guaranteeing a win.”

With all the excitement of the

day, there still was the treasured Homecoming football game. O’Gorman hosted Spearfish this year for the big game.

“We really wanted to execute and show the fans what the Knights were really made of,” said senior linebacker Jarvis McCoy.

Sioux Falls committee supports area youth

Dusty Haffeman
Faith Co-Editor

As a community team comprised of high school students from around the Sioux Falls area, the Mayor’s Youth Council provides youth an alternative to destructive decisions. Drug and alcohol free events and community service projects are planned to accomplish the group’s mission.

“I think it is great that we get to meet with kids from the other schools and reach out to kids city-wide,” said senior member Nadia Baka.

Whether an upperclassmen or underclassmen, the MYC (Mayor’s Youth Council) will accept anyone who wants to participate.

“Younger members are great because they will continue to be an asset to the MYC to come and add a degree of dependability in the long run,” said drug and alcohol counselor Nick Fischer.

“Older members are good because of their leadership abilities and experience they can offer.”

Marching band dons elusive mask of Zorro with latest field show

Sam Jacobsen
Sport Co-Editor

The 2010 marching band is new and improved.

The team has new drum majors seniors Cassie Tomac, Amy Neidich and returning drum major senior Thomas Johnson.

“I like the enthusiasm and charisma of our team,” said Neidich.

The band consists of a smaller number of seniors, but the underclassmen still look to them for leadership in competitions.

“This year the band is more focused than in years past,” said Johnson

The Mask of Zorro is the new theme for the marching band season.

“At first I was skeptical, but after seeing what we could do with the music, it was obvious that this show is perfect for our band,” said Johnson.

The band will perform three songs including The Mask of Zorro, Diego’s Goodbye, and Zorro Finale.

“The music is challenging and

we’ve added creative elements to the show,” said Neidich.

The goal for the season is nothing more than to win competitions.

“Our goal as a team is to be competitors,” said director Dr. Duane Niles.

“We want to finish a performance knowing that we perform better than we ever have before,” said Neidich.

The band will travel to Ankeny, Iowa for the final competition of the year.

“We are all coming together for one main goal and that is to win,” said Johnson. “We not only want to be a competitor, but we also want to win and score higher than ever before.”

The band competed in their first competition at the Tri-State Band Festival in Luverne and Big Sioux Review in Brandon on September 25.

“Marching band has so many different people from many different groups of friends, yet when we’re together we all have fun and hang out as one band,” said Johnson.

New coach promotes, revamps debate team

Katie Schwebach
Opinion Co-Editor

The O’Gorman debate team is undergoing an extreme makeover. With a new coach, new members, and new goals, the team looks to improve in all areas.

New coach Ashley Moeller is hoping to build up and expand the program.

“I hope to have students in each form of debate and every division,” said Moeller. “O’Gorman students have done well in the past, but it is my hope that we have more and more students succeeding in the rigorously academic activity.”

The ultimate goal for the team will include having even more students advance to the National Debate Tournament. A smaller change will be more emphasis in the Individual Event: Extemporaneous Speaking through which success is hopeful.

Returning member Cassie Tomac, senior, also anticipates some new changes.

“We have a new coach and a lot of new members this year, but I think these changes are just going to help O’Gorman debate grow as a team,” said Tomac.

On the other hand, a similar aspect from last year is the team’s key returning members. These include Tomac, along with senior Shilpa Chandran and junior Jason Nerland.

In order to travel with the team, a member must attend at least two practice nights a week, each being around two to three hours.

However, much more time is required to become truly successful. It does not always feel like work, though.

“I actually do enjoy the practices,” said Tomac.



ELLEN NELSON / KNIGHT SCROLL

Watertown graduate Ashley Moeller joins Kelly Brose as the new debate co-coach.

“We have to work hard, but we also have a lot of fun.”

Difficult opponents will most likely include Watertown and Sioux Falls Lincoln, but any opponent may come with a strong offense. Never underestimating anybody, the debate team plans on being ready for anything and everything this season.

Looking forward, Moeller has high hopes for the team and feels confident in its members.

“I think O’Gorman debaters are brilliant. If they put in the practice hours, they will make an impact on the circuit this year.”

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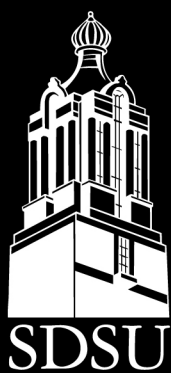
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STATE CHAMPS! The O'Gorman Knights baseball team defeated Rapid City Central to take the 2010 state title.

Knights volleyball takes new route with young talent

Olga Zamulko
Opinion Co-Editor

This year the O'Gorman Lady Knights kicked off a new volleyball season with a new team. Although four seniors provide strong leadership, the team is younger than in past years.

Five juniors, four sophomores, and even a freshman make up this year's JV/ Varsity volleyball team.

"They have a strong commitment and work ethic," said Coach Renae Kuchta's.

So far, they have lived up to her expectations. The team took home an early season victory over the Harrisburg Tigers 26-24, 25-19, 11-25, 21-25, 15-12. Unfortunately, they didn't have the same luck against the Lincoln Patriots. They lost 16-25, 16-25, 23-25.

"The most difficult thing is keeping our heads up when we get

down as a team," said Sophomore Sierra Kloth.

Kuchta also added that a poor practice the night before, as well as the team's fatigue after the first match probably contributed to the loss.

Yet, the Knights are not giving up.

"The competition is tough," said Kuchta, "but we keep up a positive attitude." On September 11 the Lady Knights beat Sturgis 25-17, 25-23, 25-8.

With each practice the players develop their skills even further. This year several girls are incorporating a new technique of jump serving during the games. Despite the young team and many changes the Lady Knights have great team chemistry.

"We are very supportive of each other and get along very well," said Kloth.

Same offense, new leader with Schaefbauer at helm

Zach Cole
Sam Jacobsen

Recently, the *Knight Scroll* sat down with junior Connor Schaefbauer for his take on being the new Knight quarterback.

KS: How do you feel about this year's team?

CS: I think we are pretty good; we got a good team and lots of senior leaders.

KS: How have you had to become a team leader?

CS: As a quarterback, you have to lead but we also have seniors that can help me out.

KS: How do you deal with the pressure and stay calm and collective?

CS: The whole week ahead of the game and being in practice going over the game plan really helps.

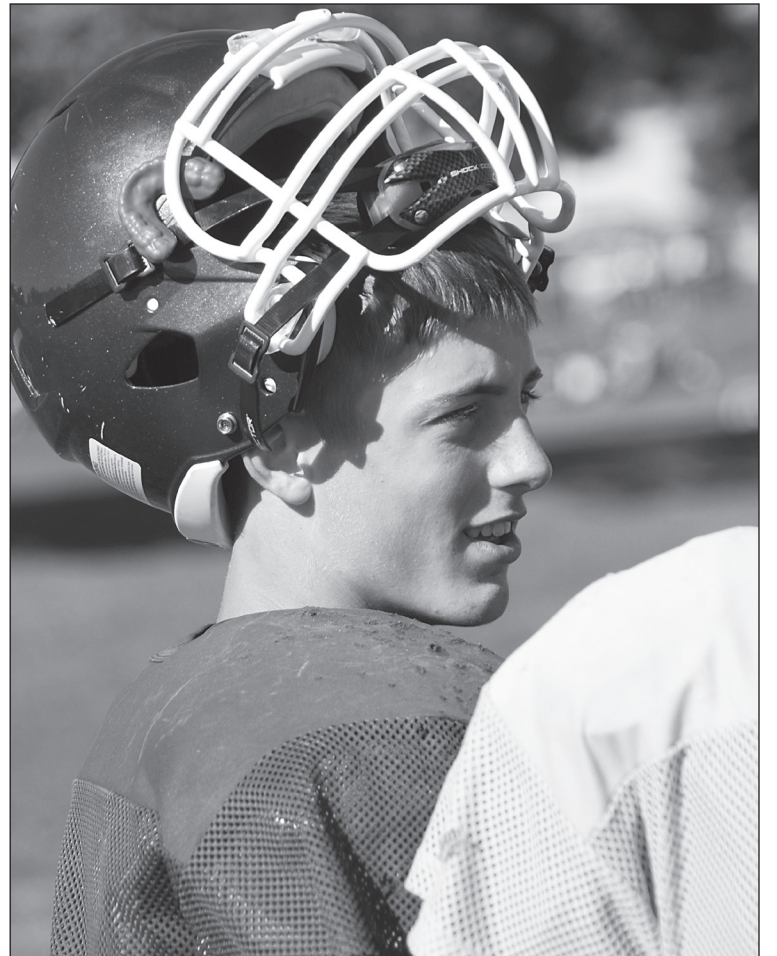
KS: What are your goals to get out of this season?

CS: First of all, to get to the playoffs and go as deep as we can and eventually go to the dome. That's the ultimate goal.

KS: Are you nervous?

CS: For what? I'm pretty good right now. *[laughs]*

KS: Have you always worn



SAM JACOBSEN / KNIGHT SCROLL

Connor Schaefbauer listens to instructions during practice.

number 12?

CS: Just for football. For some reason O'Gorman doesn't have a number 4 for football.

KS: Who is your favorite lineman?

CS: Hayden, because he's my boy.

KS: How did you celebrate your first touchdown?

CS: I gave the ball to the Official and did some chest bumps.

KS: Derek Farniok and company. Are you scared?

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Girls tennis strives for fourth straight state title this season

Dusty Haffeman
Faith Co-Editor

The Lady Knights tennis team looks to pick up this season where they ended last year.

Led by a strong group of seniors, the Knights definitely have their eyes on their fourth straight title.

"I feel this year's team is extremely strong," said senior Hannah VanDemark.

"Everyone has put in the time and effort throughout the summer, which has already been proven this season."

Erin Hoffmann, Katie Schwebach, Meg Townsend and Hannah VanDemark look to lead this year's team.

Two underclassmen, Jenna Czarnecki and Alexis Kosiak, fill in the spots on the lady's roster.

"We are definitely an experienced team which will give us a huge advantage," said senior Meg Townsend.

Coach Don Barnes, national coach of the year last year, leads the team once again.

"He is so passionate about OG tennis, and it



KNIGHT SCROLL

Erin Hoffmann takes a swing during a match against Rapid City Stevens.

shows with his great record," said Townsend.

The Knight's toughest opponent will once again be Rapid City Stevens who has been runner-up the past three years.

With the dedication and experience of the ladies, they feel that another state title is in their sights.

"Bringing another title to OG would be a great way to end our high school career," said VanDemark.

Underclassmen look to capture state this year

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Coming off a fourth place finish at last year's state tournament, the boy's golf team will turn to seniors for leadership.

Winning the state title is the ultimate goal for the boy's golf team.

The key to achieving goals is "by practicing!" said head coach Rod Garrison.

The team is made up mostly of underclassmen, having only four seniors. Michael Ruppert, Mason O'Farrell, Tony Doherty and Andres Ramirez lead the way for the Knights.

"Practicing and molding it all together, we have a lot of talent," said Ruppert.

The Knights are halfway through the season, and tournaments are not going as well as the team had hoped.

"The season isn't going as planned," said Ruppert. "We have lost a lot of tournaments by a stroke or two, but we are seeing improvements as of late and we still have high hopes for the rest of the season."

"We have a good shot at state. We all have not played our best this year, but hopefully that's yet to come," said Doherty.